

Central Region (CR) Publications Advisory Team (PAT) Charter

Vision: Harness the existing resources among CR SOOs and WCMs to help other CR employees in conducting *and* publishing research. Depending upon the success of the PAT, the vision may be expanded to include other NWS regions.

Statement of the Problem: The research and publication process involves several complex, and sometimes disparate, steps. People who are new or inexperienced to this process can face several stumbling blocks (e.g., difficulty acquiring/analyzing data and synthesizing the results).

Mission: The PAT will strive to provide feedback within three business days on questions related to the research-to-publication process—in a *supplementary role* to the CR Scientific Services Division (SSD); this will be accomplished through a PAT mailing list. The PAT will also maintain a web page on the CR Sharepoint site with information pursuant to the team's vision.

<http://sharepoint.crh.noaa.gov/crhq/sd/Publications%20and%20Conferences/Home.aspx>

Success Criteria: Success will be based on the percentage of email messages satisfactorily answered through the PAT mailing list; follow-up messages will be used to acquire feedback and determine the level of success (a simple yes/no at present). A direct feedback link will also be available on the PAT web page. Last, an additional measure may be the use of a survey on a quasi-annual basis.

Scope of Authority/Limitations: The PAT has the authority to (1) provide guidance for any project being conducted by any CR employee and (2) develop a web page with advice, FAQs, and resources (among other things) for CR employees to consult for their projects. However, CR MSD will be responsible for overseeing the review process—including the possible inclusion of disclaimers. Moreover, the PAT shall not provide approval for publication costs, conference attendance, or any other item that may incur local or regional expenses.

Termination Date: This is a standing team with no known termination date.

Team Membership: The team is made up of eight SOOs: Matthew Bunkers, Jeffrey Craven, Greg Mann, Mike Meyers, Albert Pietrycha, Ron Przybylinski, Phil Schumacher, and Ray Wolf.

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